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For: **CHRONIC HEPATITIS VIRUS INFECTION AND CLONAL HEPATO-CELLULAR CARCINOMA IN MOUSE REPOPULATED WITH LIVERS**

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231
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January 6, 2003

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified patent application upon which prosecution is closed.

1. The issue fee in this application (check one):

☒ Has not been paid;

☐ Has been paid, and this request is accompanied by a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.313.

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2. This request is accompanied by the fee specified in 37 C.F.R §1.17(e) and a submission in the form of (check one):

☒ Consider the amendments(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on November 7, 2002.

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)

☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .

☐ An amendment of the description, claims or drawings;

☐ A Request for Reconsideration containing new arguments;

☐ A Request for Reconsideration submitting new evidence of patentability;

☐ An Information Disclosure Statement;

☐ Other (specify)

3. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of months. The required fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) is enclosed.

(Suspension not to exceed three months).

4. ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time accompanies this Request.

5. A check in the amount of \$ 750 is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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